NEWS RELEASE

March 19, 2002

Contact: Pat Jocius
Emergency Services Coordinator,

Office of Emergency Services

(650) 522-7960

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS FAIRE AT HILLSDALE SHOPPING CENTER

The San Mateo County Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters (CARD)

Project will join with the City of San Mateo Office Of Emergency Services and the Hillsdale

Shopping Center to provide free disaster preparedness information at an Earthquake

Preparedness Faire in the Macy's inside courtyard from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday,

April 27th, 2002.

Over fifteen organizations will have hands-on demonstrations and free information to take home. The displays will include the American Red Cross on first aid, Blackberry REACT on Amateur Radio Communications, the California Department of Conservations and Mines on earthquake fault maps, the City of San Mateo Fire and Police Departments on fire prevention and safety, the Peninsula Humane Society on disaster preparedness for pets, Pacific Gas and Electric on shutting off utilities, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program on emergency preparedness for seniors, the Salvation Army on feeding and sheltering, and the USGS on earthquake ground shaking intensity maps.

For more information, you can call the City of San Mateo Office of Emergency Services, 650 522-7960.